

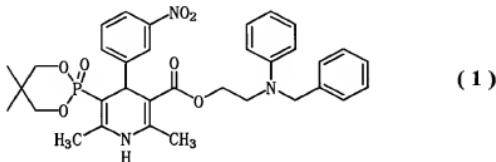
Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in

the application:

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1. (Previously Presented) A process for producing an optically active substance of compound of formula (1)



characterized by comprising:

dissolving a racemate of the compound of formula (1) in a solvent to prepare a supersaturated solution; and

adding crystal of either one optically active substance of the compound of formula (1) as a seed crystal in the supersaturated solution to allow crystal of the one optically active substance added as the seed crystal to separate out.

2. (Original) The process for producing an optically active substance according to claim 1, wherein the solvent is alcohols or esters.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The process for producing an optically active substance according to claim 1, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of methanol and ethyl acetate; and wherein the optical purity of the optically active substance produced by the process is 80% ee or more acetate.